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Music and fireworks are part of Rockville's Independence Day celebration at Montgomery College.

Celebrate Independence Day with Music and Fireworks on July 4

Join your neighbors for a night of music, entertainment and fireworks celebrating America's Independence Day on Friday, July 4, from 7-10 p.m. at Montgomery College—Rockville, 51 Mannakee St. Rockville's celebration, hosted by the Mayor and Council, includes:

- Music on the main stage by The Fugitive Brass Quintet at 7 p.m.
- Music on the campus stage by Get Off My Lawn at 7 p.m.
- Music on the main stage by Rockville Concert Band at 8 p.m.
- Fireworks, beginning at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Enjoy patriotic songs, dancing and food that will be available for purchase. Remember to bring chairs and blankets.

Alcohol, barbecuing and open flames are not permitted at the event site. Smoking is not allowed on campus.

Parking is available at Montgomery College and at the parking lots on the corner of Mannakee Street and Route 355. Please be respectful of surrounding neighborhoods and park in the public parking lots indicated. Please note that it could take up to approximately 1 hour to exit the parking lots at the conclusion of the fireworks.

For further details on parking, directions and general information on the event, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/events.

For additional information, call 240-314-8620 or email speialevents@rockvillemd.gov. For recorded information, call the Special Events line at 240-314-5022. ✚

Rockville's Mayor and Council Adopt \$118 Million Budget

Utility Rates Rise; Property Tax Rate Remains Constant for Seventh Straight Year

The property tax rate remains unchanged, but the average residential bills for City utilities are increasing by approximately \$6.35 per month for the fiscal year that began July 1.

The Fiscal Year 2015 budget, approved by the Mayor and Council on May 12, includes scheduled increases in water and sewer rates, the ready-to-serve charge and the stormwater management fee, according to a plan approved by the Mayor and Council in May 2012. The budget also includes an increase of \$7 per year for recycling and refuse services.

The property tax rate remains the same for the seventh consecutive year, at \$0.292 for real property and \$0.805 for personal property. Each of these rates is per \$100 of assessed value.

Rockville's FY15 operating budget equals \$118 million, a 3.6 percent—or \$4.1 million—increase over the previous year. It includes a 2 percent cost of living adjustment for City employees, as well as the potential for additional one-time com-

pensation based on established pay plans. The fiscal year ends June 30, 2015.

Forty-seven projects are funded by the \$74 million Capital Improvements Program, the City's five-year plan for funding new construction and infrastructure maintenance.

The Mayor and Council heard from the public at a series of hearings in March, April, and May, and received written comments through May 6.

"During the budget process, the Mayor and Council were tasked with balancing and prioritizing the many needs that have gone unmet for several years due to the recession," said City Manager Barbara B. Matthews. "The FY 2015 budget is based on the concept of responsible growth, and focuses on infrastructure and facility improvements, information technology improvements and compensating the City's employees."

To learn more about the City's FY15 budget, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/budget or call the Finance Department at 240-314-8400. ✚



Rockville City Hall, Other Facilities to Close on July 4

Recycling, Refuse Collection Shifts One Day

Rockville City Hall will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Most Rockville facilities and programs will not operate on July 4. Parking fees at City-owned meters will be suspended for the day.

Closures include: F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and Box Office; Croydon Creek Nature Center; Rockville Civic Center Park Offices, including Glenview Mansion and the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery; Lincoln Park, Twinbrook and Thomas Farm community centers; and the Senior Center.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will close at 6 p.m. Swim center classes will not be held on July 4-6. The swim center's normal summer hours can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter.

RedGate Golf Course will be open normal hours on July 4. For RedGate hours and information, call 240-406-1650 or visit www.redgategolf.com.

Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will be delayed one day only for homes with a Friday collection day. Friday collections will be made on Saturday. Call 240-314-8568 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse for more information. ✚



25th ANNUAL ROCKVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS...

Forty-seven members of public safety agencies serving Rockville were honored for their service to the community on June 4. Seven members of the Rockville City Police Department were honored: (l to r) Officer Chad Bates, Cpl. Jan Seilhamer, Sgt. Jon Berry, Cpl. Kyle Dickerson, Cpl. Chris Day, and Cpl. Phil Parnell. Not pictured: Cpl. Jamal Lewis.

Rockville Police Respond to Sightings of Black Bear

Rockville police and animal control officers responded to several sightings of a black bear near downtown Rockville in mid-June.

It is relatively common for black bears to be spotted pushing south into Montgomery County from more rural northern areas, and the local police and animal control personnel have responded to several sightings over the past two years, said Lt. Eric Over. Typically the animals move

north again as they find places like Rockville not conducive to settling down in, Over said.

If residents see or encounter a black bear or any other wild animal, police advise the public to:

- Notify Rockville Animal Control at 240-314-8900 so it can be tracked.
- Do not offer any food to the animal.
- Do not approach or antagonize the animal. ✚

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The City is seeking volunteers to count bicyclists and pedestrians at five Rockville intersections in September.

Volunteers are needed to work shifts from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9; Wednesday, Sept. 10; and Saturday, Sept. 13. Volunteers can sign up for one, two or all three dates.

The City of Rockville celebrated National Public Works Week from May 19-23. The highlight of the week was the annual equipment show on May 22 at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center outdoor pool parking lot. Kids—and kids at heart—had an opportunity to meet the City's public works staff and get up close and personal with recycling and refuse trucks, earth moving equipment and other machinery. The show also included free giveaways of popcorn, coloring books and City of Rockville plastic hardhats. For more information about Rockville's Department of Public Works, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/publicworks.

Bring a blanket, lawn chair, bug repellent and a picnic dinner for a great evening at Rockville's Free for All in the Parks concert series. All shows are free and open to the public. This summer's performers are:

- **Bumper Jacksons**, July 10, 2 p.m. (*true Americana, from the streets of New Orleans to the hollers of Appalachia*), Rockville Senior Center-Carnation Room, 1150 Carnation Drive. This show will be indoors. Chairs provided.
- **Dave Thomen**, July 17, 7:30 p.m. (*magic, illusions and laughter*), Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave.
- **James Mabry**, July 24, 7:30 p.m. (*acoustic blues on guitar and harmonica*), Calvin Park, 1248 Gladstone Drive.

Diversity In Rockville

Rockville's increasing diversity has brought new cultures, ideas, perspectives, expectations and needs to the city in recent decades.

On June 18, the issue of Rockville's changing demographics brought community members to

Twinbrook
Community
Recreation
Center for
a forum
hosted by
the City's
Human
Rights
Commission.

“ We must continue our efforts to get new people involved, filling our boards and commissions and harnessing the talents of our diverse community to better serve the Rockville that we are now. ”

The forum offered community members a chance to discuss the changing face of Rockville and be part of shaping a harmonious future for the community.

U.S. Census Data Dissemination Specialist Nesreen Khashan presented data showing how Rockville's racial and ethnic makeup has changed over the past three decades. Khashan also presented data showing residents' median income and where residents live—in owner- or renter-occupied housing. (*See the graphs at right.*)

The forum was organized to engage civic groups, businesses, caregiver organizations, City elected officials and staff, and Rockville residents in a conversation of the impacts of demographic change on Rockville. It was a starting point for an ongoing conversation about how

to connect newcomers, longtime residents, hard-to-reach populations and Rockville's multicultural communities to City resources and to each other.

In her inaugural speech in January, Mayor Bridget

Continue our people boards and harnessing diverse power to better serve the people of Lowell.”

Donnell Newton

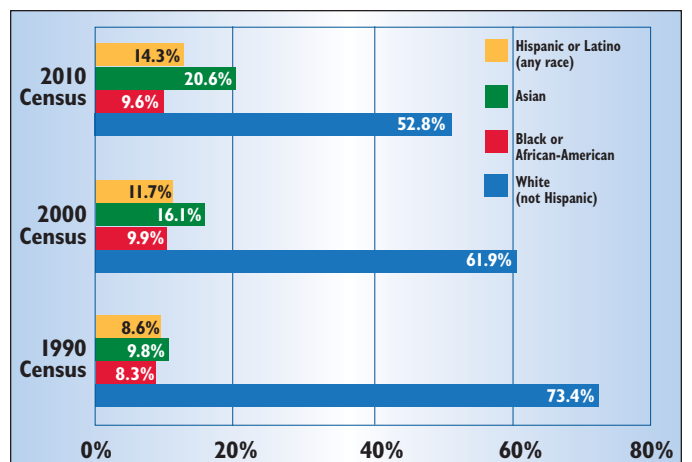
called for “building and diversifying our employment base” and called on City officials to work together to foster greater participation in City government.

- Some of the questions raised at the forum include:
- In light of the past and projected changes to demographics, how is the City prepared to respond to the needs of residents?
 - How should the City best use its resources to serve residents in light of these changes?
 - What are other implications of the demographic changes in Rockville?

One way to participate in the conversation is to weigh in on Engage Rockville by visiting www.rockvillemd.gov/engage and signing up for a free account.

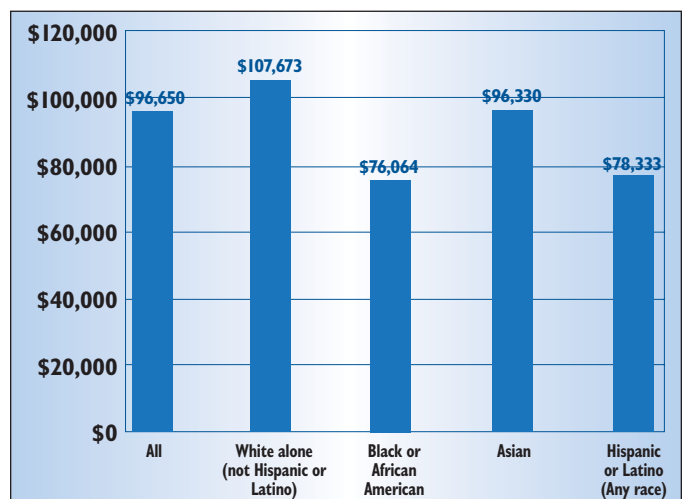
For more information about the forum, email Janet Kelly, the City's liaison to the Human Rights Commission, at jkelly@rockvillemd.gov. 🍀

Note: The graphs titled “Median Income by Race and Hispanic Origin” and “Tenure by Race and Hispanic Origin” are taken from the United States Census Bureau’s 2012 American Community Survey Three-Year Estimates and use three years of data to reflect the characteristics of the city over a three-year period. Source of all graphs: United States Census Bureau.



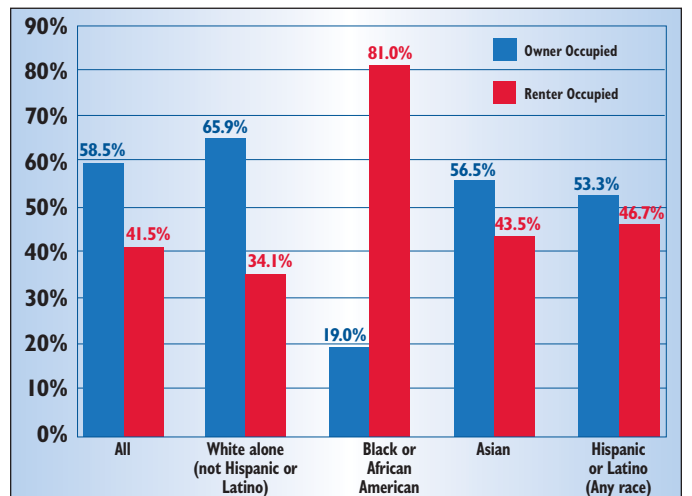
Rockville City Race and Ethnicity

Rockville is increasingly diverse racially and ethnically. The percentage of Rockville residents identifying as Asian, Black, or Hispanic or Latino grew between the 1990 and 2010 census, while the percentage of the city's population identifying as white declined by more than 20 percent.



Median Income by Race and Hispanic Origin

The median income of all Rockville residents over a three-year period ending in 2012 was \$96,650, as measured in 2011 dollars.



Tenure by Race and Hispanic Origin

Tenure refers to the distinction between owner-occupied and renter-occupied housing units. Slightly less than three-fifths of the homes in Rockville over a three-year period as measured in 2012 were owner-occupied.

Join the conversation with **Engage Rockville**



Q: What are your suggestions for how the City can increase input from a broad range of residents that reflect Rockville's diversity?

A: Sign up today and add your voice to Rockville's future, visit:

www.rockvillemd.gov/engage

Mayor & Council



Mayor
Bridget Donnell Newton



Councilmember
Beryl L. Feinberg



Councilmember
Tom Moore



Councilmember
Virginia D. Onley



Councilmember
Julie Palakovich Carr

Mayor and Council Consider Lengthening Terms from Two to Four Years

Rockville's Mayor and Council recently voted to consider a proposed change to the City charter that would increase the term length for Mayor and Council from two to four years beginning with the 2015 election.

The proposed change to the charter is being considered after voters weighed in on advisory ballot questions during the Rockville election in November. A majority of voters (53.5 percent) supported increasing the term from two to four years.

NEXT STEPS:

- Submit written testimony by July 7. Email: mayor-council@rockvillemd.gov or mail to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- Mayor and Council to discuss proposed change and possible adoption at an upcoming meeting.

A public hearing on the change from two- to four-year terms was held on Monday, June 23.

Two other advisory questions, one regarding increasing the number of councilmembers from four to six, and a second regarding moving Rockville elections to coincide with presidential elections, were opposed by a majority of voters. The Mayor and Council voted against resolutions that would have moved these changes forward.

For information on the proposed changes, call the City Clerk's office at 240-314-8280. ✚



Mayor and Council meet most Monday nights at 7 p.m.

Channel 11 Adds Closed Captioning

Rockville 11, the City's award-winning television station, is now broadcasting Mayor and Council meetings and other commission meetings with closed captioning, giving viewers who are deaf or hard of hearing a way to access the station's programming.

Captions display spoken dialogue as text on the television screen.

In addition to the Mayor and Council, the following meetings are now closed captioned:

- Board of Appeals
- Historic District Commission
- Planning Commission

Rockville 11's programming can be viewed on Comcast, Verizon and RCN. For more information, contact General Manager Staffan Sandberg at ssandberg@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8187. ✚

Vacancies

To learn more about any board or commission, call the City Clerk's office at 240-314-8280 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov. The City is seeking applicants for:

- Cultural Arts Comm. (1)
- Historic District Comm. (1)
- Human Rights Comm. (2)
- Human Services Advisory Comm. (1)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Comm. (2)
- Personnel Appeals Board (3)
- Recreation and Parks Advisory Board (2)
- Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc. (1)
- Rockville Housing Enterprises (1)
- Senior Citizens Comm. (1)
- Sign Review Board (1)
- Traffic and Transportation Comm. (1) ✚

MEETINGS & DROP IN SCHEDULE

All general sessions, worksessions and public hearings are televised on Rockville channel 11 and are available on streaming video at www.rockvillemd.gov. Residents may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Community Forum" portion at most meetings. Meetings are at 7 p.m. and are subject to change.

- July 14 (Monday)
- July 21 (Monday)
- Aug. 11 (Monday)

The mayor and one councilmember are available to meet with residents for drop-in discussions from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall. No appointment is necessary, but a call to the City Clerk's office at 240-314-8280 is appreciated. Along with Mayor Newton, the councilmembers scheduled are: Julie Palakovich Carr on July 14 and Beryl L. Feinberg on Aug. 11.

IN BRIEF

Zoning Ordinance Update Completed

Document Available Online and at City Hall

The public can now review Rockville's updated zoning ordinance, which reflects recent changes approved by the Mayor and Council.

Zoning regulations create and maintain Rockville's character of the city by regulating the allowable uses and development standards for each piece of land. They regulate the types of land uses that can be located in different areas of the city; development density; building size and height; parking and landscape requirements; and building and site layout.

Changes in the updated ordinance include:

- Clearer differentiation between accessory uses and accessory structures.
- If a property is nominated for historic designation by a party other than the property owner, the person nominating the site must notify the property owner of the nomination.
- The addition or relocation of minor items such as bike racks, seating benches and pergolas on a property subject to a site plan does not require an amendment application. These items can be reviewed and approved by the City's Chief of Planning.
- Emergency electric generators in residential areas can be located only in the side or rear of an interior lot, and there can be no encroachment into a side lot setback. On corner lots, the generator must be located in the area facing the street that is not the street address of the house. The location must be reviewed by the Chief of Planning except where the site is designated historic. If the generator will be visible from the street, the Historic District Commission must review the proposed location.

The zoning ordinance is available online at www.rockvillemd.gov/zoning, in PDF format on CD (free) or in printed version at City Hall (\$60 per copy).

For more information, contact Deane Mellander at dmellander@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8224.

Rockville Fourth-Graders Shared Duties as 'Mayor for a Day'

If she were mayor, Allie Coffey would start school recycling clubs that earn rewards from local businesses for their efforts. If he were mayor, William Stuart would hold an annual festival for kids and parents to learn about all the fun and educational things to do in Rockville.

These two creative fourth-graders shared their ideas with Rockville Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton as "Mayors for a Day" on Thursday, May 22.

William, who attends St. Raphael School, and Allie, a student at Ritchie Park Elementary School, were semifinalists of the

Howard/Montgomery county district "If I Were Mayor" essay contest this spring, and, as a result, were named as Rockville's mayors for a day. The statewide contest is sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League and the Maryland Mayors' Association.

On their day as mayor, the young essayists toured the Rockville City Police Department and Croydon Creek Nature Center, attended the City's equipment show and had lunch with Mayor Newton.

In addition to spending a day as mayor, William and Allie rode in Rockville's 70th Annual Memorial Day Parade



While serving as mayor, William and Allie spent the day governing alongside Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton.

and were recognized at the June 2 Mayor and Council meeting.

For more information on the essay contest, call the City Clerk's office at 240-314-8280. ✚



GREAT MUSIC AND GREAT WEATHER EQUALS A GREAT WEEKEND... Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton (second from right) and councilmembers (l to r) Virginia D. Onley, Tom Moore, Julie Palakovich Carr and Beryl L. Feinberg pose with musical act Brothers Osborne backstage Saturday, May 24 during Hometown Holidays in Town Center. More than 30 bands performed live during the two days of entertainment, followed by the 70th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade on Monday, May 26.



Rockville Seniors, Inc. Presents Monies in Support of Rockville Senior Center

Rockville Seniors, Inc. (RSI) Chair Jim Goheen presented Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton a check for \$20,000 to support the Rockville Senior Center, during the center's Volunteer Appreciation Party on May 20. RSI recruits volunteers to run the gift and thrift shop, book sales, bazaars and weekly bingo to raise money throughout the year. Proceeds and donations to the nonprofit organization support center needs such as supplies, furniture and equipment.

City Invests in New Bus Shelters

Commuters catching a bus in Rockville might notice recent upgrades at eight heavily used bus shelters.

The new shelters can be found at bus stops at:

- Southbound Rockville Pike at Halpine Road.
- 1125 Rockville Pike (southbound Rockville Pike).
- 236 Congressional Ln. (westbound Congressional Ln.).
- Eastbound Nelson Street at Azalea Drive (adjacent Woodley Gardens Park).
- 1428 Rockville Pike (northbound Rockville Pike).
- Westbound Norbeck Road at Avery Road.
- Northbound Rockville Pike at Talbott Street.
- Westbound Baltimore Road at Cove Lane.

The shelters cost \$4,257 each. They comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and feature wheelchair unloading areas. Rockville assumed maintenance of bus stops from Montgomery County several years ago and is in the process of upgrading shelters that receive heavy use, said Kevin Belanger, a City transportation planner.



"The shelters are nice for transit riders because they protect you from the elements and give you a designated space to wait that is set back from the street and separated from sidewalk traffic," Belanger said. "They improve the transit riding experience and increase accessibility and safety at our bus stops."

Rockville Hosts Adult Tennis Tournament

Rockville will host an adult tennis tournament in early August and the City is inviting players of all skill levels to participate.

The tournament offers a United States Tennis Association-sanctioned singles or doubles division and recreation division for singles. Beginners and professionals over age 16 are guaranteed two matches. Brackets will be based on gender and ability.

USTA play is \$33 for Rockville residents / \$38 non-residents. The recreation division tournament is \$30 for residents / \$35 non-resident. The deadline to register is Friday, July 25. Tournament play will be Aug. 1-3 at City of Rockville tennis courts.

To register, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports or call 240-314-8620.

In The Community



Rockville Scholarship Foundation has granted more than 150 scholarships to students since 1985.

Mayor and Council Recognize Scholarship Awardees

Three Rockville students who have been successful in the classroom and in extracurricular activities recently received grants for college from the Rockville Scholarship Foundation (RSF).

The Mayor and Council and Montgomery College-Rockville officials honored 2014 awardees along with longtime RSF board members on June 2. The winners are:

- Mackenzie Allen (\$2,500), a Thomas S. Wootton High School senior who will pursue a professional ballet career at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music while pursuing a bachelor of science in neuroscience.
- Brian Jordan (\$2,500), a Thomas S. Wootton High School senior who will attend the University of Maryland, College Park to study criminal justice and work toward a career in public safety.
- Latrese Morris (\$1,500), a Rockville High School senior who will pursue a meteorology degree at Pennsylvania State University and hopes

to become a broadcast meteorologist.

These students will be the last to receive awards from RSF, which was created in 1985 as a partnership of the City of Rockville and Montgomery College—Rockville. Citing fundraising challenges, the organization's board voted to dissolve operations in order to more fully support Montgomery College's fundraising efforts for local students. Since its inception, RSF has granted more than 150 scholarships worth more than \$200,000 to Rockville students pursuing post-secondary education.

"We are proud to have helped hundreds of students make their higher education dreams come true," said RSF President John Moser, who has led the organization for nearly 30 years. "As we complete our last year of awards, I am honored to reflect on the significant contributions this organization has made to the youth in the Rockville community and I am thankful to the many local volunteer board members who have joined me in making the effort possible for so many years." ❖

Crime Down Overall in Rockville in 2013

Police Responded to Nearly 33,000 Calls

The Rockville City Police Department reported a 9 percent overall decrease in crime in 2013. The drop in crime continues a nine-year period in which Rockville has seen significant crime reduction, Rockville Police Chief T.N. Treschuk said.

In the past year, there was a 4 percent increase in Part I crime, from 1,281 reported incidents in 2012 to 1,328 in 2013. Part I crimes are crimes against persons (murder, rape, robbery, assault) and crimes against property (burglary, larceny, theft and arson).

Part II crime decreased by 13 percent from 3,457 reported incidents in 2012 to 3,001 in 2013. Part II crimes include simple assault, curfew offenses, loitering, embezzlement, forgery and counterfeiting, disorderly conduct, driving under the influence, drug and alcohol offenses, fraud, gambling, vandalism and weapons offenses.

The department responded to 32,985 calls for service in 2013.

Among Part I crimes, City police reported increases in robberies (from 44 in 2012 to 57 in 2013), auto thefts (from 54 to 61), burglary (from 185 to 199) and larceny (from 939 to 959). City police reported decreases in rapes (from 7 to 6) and aggravated assaults (from 52 to 46). There were no homicides in 2013

or 2012.

"The increases in Part I crimes in the city mirrors similar increases within the region," Treschuk said.

"All law enforcement agencies are working together to combat these incidents and all incidents are aggressively investigated. Thirteen arrests for robberies and 21 arrests for burglaries were made during this time-frame. Several of the arrests included charges for multiple incidents and resulted in numerous cases closed."

During the nine-year period from 2005 through 2013 in Rockville:

- Part I crime decreased by 25 percent.
- Part II crime decreased by 32 percent.
- Overall crime decreased by 30 percent.

The Rockville City Police Department is a fully accredited agency that works with the community to provide the best police protection, services, education and enforcement.

The department is committed to ensuring the safety and protection of homes, businesses, schools and the people who occupy them.

Rockville has a resident population near 62,000, including a student population that occupies more than a dozen schools, as well as a workforce in excess of 80,000.

Learn more about the department at www.rockvillemd.gov/police. ❖



Teens on the Go

8 weeks of fun!
June 23 – Aug. 15

Trips to amusement parks and baseball games, rafting, laser tag, go-karting, swimming, pottery and more . . .



Pick-up and Drop-off locations:

- Julius West Middle School
- Twinbrook Community Recreation Center
- Lincoln Park Community Center
- Thomas Farm Community Center

Trip times vary depending on destination.
Most trips held between 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Not interested in the day trip or need a place to hang out before or after the trip?

Easy solution: Buy a Community Center pass and enjoy computer access, video games, gym time and more.

See detailed registration information in the Spring 2014 Recreation Guide.
240-314-8634



New Recycling and Refuse Collection Days Coming for Some Residents

Changes Begin in September; Regular Collection Will No Longer Occur on Fridays

A new recycling and refuse schedule will mean new collection days for about two-thirds of Rockville residents.

The Mayor and Council heard a presentation on Monday, June 23 about a move to a four-day collection schedule that will eliminate Friday collections and change the collection day for other customers.

The change will start the week of Sept. 15. If your home is affected, you will receive a mailing from the City's Department of Public

Works with information about your new collection day. The City also will post the new collection schedules at www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse.

The change in collection days applies only to households whose recycling and refuse is collected by the City of Rockville (single-family homes and most townhomes). Residents served by a private contractor will not be affected by this change.

Friday collections will be eliminated, except for

weeks when City holidays shift collections one day later. Residents who currently have Friday collections will no longer have to delay going out-of-town for the weekend or have to prevail upon neighbors to remove their carts from the curbside on Fridays. The new schedule will also eliminate the need for customers to put carts curbside on Saturdays during holiday weeks.

The new collection schedule allows the City to combine some routes and reduce the number of collection staff

and vehicles. The reduced operational costs will allow Rockville to keep the monthly service fee as low as possible. Customers will receive the same high level of service.

Rockville's recycling and refuse program collects curbside recycling, refuse and yard waste; offers cart delivery and pick up; and provides special collections, by appointment, of bulk refuse, electronics, scrap metal and household hazardous materials. ❖

News You Can Use

Annual Report Gives High Marks to Rockville's Drinking Water

TapIt Program Allows Residents to Fill Up for Free

Rockville's drinking water continues to be safe, the City's Department of Public Works said in the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report released July 1.

Rockville's water meets or exceeds all drinking water quality regulations set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and adopted and enforced by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

The City is continuing its commitment to providing safe drinking water at a reasonable cost with a \$6.8 million upgrade to Rockville's water treatment plant on the Potomac River. The upgrades, which are scheduled to be completed by summer 2015, are required to comply with an EPA rule requiring

the removal of potentially harmful byproducts created when disinfectants react with naturally occurring organic compounds in water. Upgrades include a new chemical feed system, an air scour system and increased capacity to remove solids from the plant.

To learn more, visit the City of Rockville channel on YouTube and search for "Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project."

Drinking Rockville's tap water helps protect the environment and can save residents money. The City participates in TapIt, a program providing free and easy access to clean, sustainable tap water. TapIt allows people on-the-go to fill up reusable bottles at participating businesses



Representatives from the City of Rockville, Fairfax Water, DC Water, Prince William County Water Authority and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments served chilled water from a water bar and gave away about 1,500 reusable TapIt bottles at the Smithsonian Garden Fest on May 9 as part of National Drinking Water Week.

in Rockville and across the Washington metropolitan area. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/water.

On May 9, Judy Ding, the City's deputy director of utilities, joined representatives of other municipal and regional water utilities from across the Washington metropolitan region at the Smithsonian Garden Fest as part of National Drinking Water Week.

Representatives served chilled water from a water bar and gave away about 1,500 reusable TapIt bottles.

Learn more about the source and quality of Rockville's drinking water by viewing the full Annual Water Quality Report at www.rockvillemd.gov/annualwaterquality2014. To speak with someone about the report, call 240-314-8555. ❖

Save Energy and Money With Pepco's Energy Wise Program

Offers Bill Credits for Installing Programmable Thermostats

Pepco offers Rockville residents the opportunity to save energy and money while helping preserve the environment and public health through its Energy Wise Rewards program.

Enrollment in the program is voluntary and free.

Here's how it works:

- Customers choose a Web-programmable thermostat or an outdoor switch. Pepco provides and installs these devices, valued at \$180, at no charge.
- Customers receive an "Installation Credit" of up to \$80 off their energy bill after installation.
- During select hot summer weekdays, Energy Wise Rewards will use the devices to reduce electricity usage by "cycling" central air conditioners or heat pumps off and on for a short period of time. Fans will continue to run, keeping cool air circulating in homes. Many who start at the 50 percent cycling say they don't notice when it happens; there is only a 1- to 3-degree temperature



change.

- Customers receive an additional "annual reward" of up to \$80 off their energy bills from June through October.

The U.S. Department of Energy estimates program-programmable thermostats can help cut energy use by 10 percent year-round. Rockville promotes sustainable energy and encourages lower energy use as demand peaks during the summer.

Find more information about the Energy Wise Rewards program, including forms for enrolling in the program, at:

- Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave.
- Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.
- www.pepco.com/rewards ❖

Rockville Police Offer Rabies Clinics, Off-Leash Testing

Rabies vaccination clinics are held on the third Sunday of each month through October from 8-10:30 a.m. at the new Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center, at 7315 Muncaster Mill Road, in Derwood.

The City requires all dogs and cats older than 4 months to be vaccinated for rabies. All dogs older than 4 months are also required to be licensed. Failure to vaccinate an animal may subject the owner to a \$500 fine.

The rabies clinics offer free or discounted rabies vaccinations after pet licenses are purchased at the clinic for City of Rockville, City of Gaithersburg and Montgomery County pets. Rabies vaccinations for cats and ferrets of Rockville residents and all out-of-county pets are \$4 per animal.

City of Rockville pet licenses are also available at each clinic. All animals must be leashed or in carriers and controlled to receive service.



Clinics will be held June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21 and Oct. 19. For more information, call 240-314-8930 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rabiesclinic.

Rockville Police also offer off-leash testing at 10 a.m. in the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center parking lot, at 355 Martins Lane, on the following Saturdays: July 19, Sept. 20 and Nov. 15

Dogs must be leashed or restrained whenever they are off their owner's property, unless the owner and dog have passed the City's Off-Leash with Permission test. The cost is \$5 per dog. Dogs must have a current Rockville dog license in order to take the test. Dogs that pass the test may be walked without a leash in the city. Dogs and owners must be recertified each year. There is no charge for recertification. Pre-registration is required. Call 240-314-8937.

For more information visit www.rockvillemd.gov/off-leash. ❖

INFO. AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Try a Summer Youth Football or Basketball Program

Redzone Youth Football Camp, with sessions from July 21-25 and July 28-Aug. 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Lincoln Park Community Center, will help prepare young players for a successful season by focusing on fundamentals and good sportsmanship. Players age 7-14 will participate in punt, pass and kick activities in this non-contact camp.

Semi-professional basketball players and coaches will teach at the Make it Happen Basketball Camp on Aug. 11-15 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the center. Sixth-through eighth-graders will learn fundamentals and increase speed and footwork with special speed and agility training.

See www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide to register for these camps. Call 240-314-8780 for more information.

City Helps Kids Prepare to Go Back to School

Rockville kids can look forward to two events in August to help them get ready to go back to school.

On Friday, Aug. 15, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., students in need of school supplies can stop by Rockville's 14th Annual Back to School Jam at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave.

City of Rockville students can receive a backpack with school supplies for \$2 per backpack (limit four per family). A report card and proof of school enrollment are required to receive a backpack.

The free event will feature information tables on a variety of programs for school-aged children, a DJ, prizes, food and drinks and more. Staff members from various elementary, middle and high schools will also be available to answer questions.

Information about Rockville programs can also be found at the Montgomery County Public Schools' Back to School Fair, on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive.

Staff from Rockville's Neighborhood Resources Division will be on hand, along with more than 80 community partners and other government agencies, to answer questions about a variety of programs open to area students. The event will feature music and entertainment, free giveaways and health screenings for children and adults.

For more information about Lincoln Park's Back to School Jam, call the center at 240-314-8780. If you have questions about the MCPS Back to School Fair, call Neighborhood Resources at 240-314-8340.



City Employee Wins Statewide Award

Mary Sue Martin, management and budget analyst in Rockville's Department of Finance, was awarded the 2014 Roland B. Sweitzer Municipal Employee of the Year Award from the Maryland Municipal League.

The award recognizes outstanding performance and high standards of professionalism in service to a Maryland municipality. Ms. Martin received the award at the Maryland Municipal League Annual Convention on June 9.

Her primary role is to support the development and administration of the annual operating budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP), including making financial management recommendations that contribute to the overall success of the organization.

Short Story Contest Invites Entries

Writers take note: Dot your last i's and cross your last t's on that masterpiece on which you've been working.

Entries for the 18th Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Short Story Contest must be postmarked by Friday, Aug. 15. Stories must be fewer than 4,000 words and unpublished.

Residents of Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. are eligible to enter the contest, and there is no restriction on subject matter.

First prize is \$500 plus an invitation to speak briefly about the story on Oct. 18 in Rockville at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival, which is supported by the City. Two runner-up prizes of \$100 each will be awarded at the conference. Winners will be notified the week of Sept. 29.

The short story contest is sponsored by The F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, Inc. Learn more at www.fscottfestival.org or by calling 301-309-9461.

'Music Man' and 'The Last Duchess' at Fitzgerald Theatre

Rockville Musical Theatre presents "The Music Man" at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in July.

Get your tickets now to enjoy this hit Broadway show with music and lyrics beloved by many. It's a tale of a traveling con artist music man who makes an impression on a small town. "The Music Man" runs July 11-July 27.

Rockville Civic Ballet performs "The Last Duchess," inspired by Robert Browning's poem about a duke who murders his wife and plans to remarry. Aug. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 3 at 2 p.m. at Fitzgerald Theatre in Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre or call 240-314-8690 for details and to purchase tickets.



"Sonata" by Jeff Chyatte.

See Unique Works of Art at Sculpture On The Grounds

Sculpture on the Grounds offers large-scale sculptures in a free, outdoor exhibit at Rockville Civic Center Park.

The annual show is open through Oct. 16. This year's exhibit includes:

"Sonata," polished aluminum, by Jeff Chyatte of Bethesda.

"The Dancer," steel, by Donald Herman of Potomac.

"Three Seasons," stainless steel, bronze and glass, by Hanna Jubran of Grimesland, N.C.

"Iris," marble and painted aluminum, by Sam Noto of Silver Spring.

Sculpture on the Grounds is part of Rockville's Art In Public Places Program, which enhances the City's physical environment by requiring a portion of Rockville's annual budget be dedicated to the purchase of art for public buildings or places.

Rockville Civic Center Park, at 603 Edmonston Drive, includes Glenview Mansion, the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and Social Hall, the Cottage, the Croydon Creek Nature Center and more than 150 acres of grounds. The park provides a quiet space for visitors to reflect on the various sculptures.

For more information on the exhibit, call 240-314-8681 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/arts.

Summer in the City

Rockville Named a 'Playful City' by National Nonprofit City's Efforts to Create Widespread Recreational Opportunities Recognized

The City of Rockville has been named a Playful City in a national program by the nonprofit organization KaBOOM!, in partnership with the Humana Foundation.

The KaBOOM! Playful City USA program honors cities, towns and communities across America that are taking bold steps to ensure that all children, especially the 16 million American kids living in poverty, have easy access to balanced and active play in their communities. The designation recognizes Rockville's role as a leader in playability.

Rockville is home to more than 1,000 acres of parkland, with 33 passive and 32 active parks. With three community centers, a nature center, civic center, swim and fitness center and senior center, the City offers many ways for all residents to be active. From classes to camps, sports leagues to arts programs, Rockville's award-winning programs make the City a place packed with ways to play.

"The Playful City honor reflects a community that strives to give kids and families opportunities to play in a variety of facilities, parks and playgrounds," said Tim Chesnutt, director of Rockville's Recreation and Parks Department. "We hope this recognition inspires more

of our residents to get outside and be active."

To be honored with a Playful City USA designation, Rockville:

- Exhibited mayoral or local governmental leadership on the cause of play.
- Demonstrated significant collaboration among nonprofit partners, foundations, municipal agencies, the business community and local civic groups.
- Expressed the ability and commitment to use data to address inequality through infrastructure investment, policy change and programming as demonstrated in their action plans.

Rockville was one of 212 cities and towns to be recognized as Playful City honorees. Cities being recognized span every region of the country, and include Washington, D.C.; Chicago; Nashville; Austin; Providence; San Francisco; and New York City. These cities are working to transform their communities to become more playable by developing unique local action plans to increase the quantity and quality of play in their community.

Learn more about Rockville's recreation programs, parks and playgrounds at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation. ✚

Bring Your Wheels to the Rockville Skate Park

Turn front-side 180s, fakies and Ollies at the Rockville Skate Park this summer in your free time or at a Skateboarding Camp.

Rockville's customized park was built and renovated with input from local skaters to make sure your kids and teens will enjoy the ride. The park has a 24-foot wide and 4-foot tall mini-ramp, two hubba ledges, euro-gap, pump-hump, quarter pipes, rails, funboxes, manual pads and more.

Register kids 6 to 14 for Skateboarding Camp to learn how to skateboard or to improve the skills they already have. Camp staff will teach how to push, ride, Ollie, kick-flip, grind and



drop-in all in a camp environment of fun and activity.

Eight sessions of Skateboarding Camp are available, weekdays from 9 a.m.-noon, with an option to extend the afternoon with swimming from noon-3 p.m. at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center next to the Skate Park.

See which camp fits your schedule at www.rockvillemd.gov/camps or call 240-314-8620. To view the park, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/skatepark. ✚

Let Rockville Camps Rock Your Summer

There is still time to get in on the fun, at Rockville camps and playgrounds.

The City offers over 60 camps that encourage kids to embrace their hobbies and discover new ones.

Rockville also offers a supervised, drop-in program for ages 6-12 at 10 playground sites throughout the city. The Summer Playgrounds program runs from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on weekdays from June 23-July 31.

Have a budding actor in the house? Way Off Broadway Camp will give them the opportunity to be a star or director on F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre's stage. If crafts are their thing, sign them up for Crafty Kids, where they can be creative with a variety of art media, play games and swim. Or, try a great all-purpose camp, Summer Blast, which offers extended hours of 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at an affordable price.

Rockville camps are brimming with specialty sport and multi-sports camps. Try



All-Star Sports Camp or Multi Sport and Games Camp to expose your kids to games they may not have had the opportunity to try yet. Swimming is also included in these sport camps.

If your kids love great adventures, Campventure, Quest Camp and Teens on the Go are the place for them. Bowling, ice skating, laser tag and more are on the schedule for these two-week camps. Let the experienced, well-trained and conscientious staff at Rockville camps take care of the travel and chaperoning as your kids go in search of good times.

Register for City of Rockville camps at www.rockvillemd.gov/camps or Summer Playgrounds at www.rockvillemd.gov/summerplaygrounds. Call 240-314-8620 for more information. ✚

Take in a Free Art Exhibit or Sunday Concert at Glenview Gallery

The Han-Mee Artists Association of the Greater Washington, D.C. and Baltimore metropolitan regions is celebrating 38 years of Korean-American art with an exhibition at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery from June 29-July 25.

Stop by the mansion, at 603 Edmonston Dr., June 29 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. to meet Han-Mee artists and view their exhibit of sculpture, painting and other art mediums.

Enjoy the sounds of acoustic guitarist Michael DeLalla, performing at this June 29 opening reception at 2 p.m.

The gallery's August exhibit – a show of mixed sculpture, photography and pastel, oil and acrylic painting – opens with a reception on Sunday, Aug. 3, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Meet the exhibit's artists, The Friday Group, Richard Weiblinger Photography and Patricia Hilton and listen to the jazz tunes of musician Nancy Scimone, performing at 2 p.m. The August exhibit is open through Aug. 29.



Glenview Mansion opening receptions and Sunday concerts are free and open to everyone. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the Gallery is open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. It is closed on official holidays and is wheelchair accessible.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/arts or call 240-314-8660. ✚

FACILITIES ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

- **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery** **GM**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.
- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre** **FSF**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.
- **Croydon Creek Nature Center** **CC**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 852 Avery Road. Note: Registration required, register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.
- **Rockville Senior Center** **SR**, 1150 Carnation Drive. Call 240-314-8800.
- **Rockville City Hall** **CH**, 111 Maryland Ave. Call 240-314-5000.



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find something that interests you at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide.

July

1,8,15,22,29 Evening King Farm Bike Ride, 6:30 p.m. at King Farm Farmstead and Farm Site. Join the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee for a neighborhood ride for about an hour. Suitable for families (riders under 12 are welcome if accompanied by an adult). Ride travels at the pace of the slowest rider. Rain at the start cancels the ride, but wet pavement does not.

2,9,16,23,30 Wednesday Farmers Market at Dawson's Market. Open 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parking lot outside Dawson's, 225 N. Washington St. Features items from 10 vendors and food from Dawson's BBQ (all natural burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and other menu items).

3,10,17,26,31 Polliwog Adventures, 10-11 a.m. Through stories,

July/August Calendar

R = Residents • NR = Non Residents • MEM = Member • NM = Non Member

short hikes, games and activities, children age 2-5 will learn about nature in a hands-on environment. Adult participation is required. **CC**

4 Rockville's Independence Day Celebration, 7-10 p.m. at Montgomery College-Rockville campus. See article on page 1.

4,11,18,25;Aug. 1 Teens on the Go Registration Deadlines. This is a summer daily trip program for youth in grades 6-10 (incoming sixth-graders are welcome). Spaces are limited for each trip and trips fill quickly. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/teens.

5,12,19,26 Saturday Rockville Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street. Farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, bedding plants, cut flowers, preserves, honey, herbs, baked goods, and more are available for purchase. All items offered are picked fresh daily and are available as supplies last.

10 Free for All in the Parks – Bumper Jacks. Enjoy a big, fat party by this country swing/roots jazz/street blues band, performing from 2-3 p.m. at the Rockville Senior Center (Carnation Room). Free.

11,12,18-20,25-27 Rockville Musical Theatre presents "The Music Man," at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Show times vary. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre for details and tickets. **FSF**

12 Kidical Mass Family Ride, 10 a.m. at Rockville Swim and Fitness Center. This bike ride will be 2-4 miles long and no faster than 8-9 miles per hour. Riders use a combination of shared use trails, bike lanes and low-traffic residential streets. Pace is at the speed of the slowest rider.

16 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Community Services Division, 20 Courthouse Square, Suite 205. Free tax preparation for prior year and amended returns for 2011 through 2013 for eligible families. Call 240-314-

8310 to inquire about eligibility or make an appointment.

17 Free for All in the Parks – Mr. Magic. Bring the whole family for an evening of magic, illusions and laughter. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Lincoln Park Community Center. Free.

19 Saturday Story and Hike, 10-11 a.m. A nature center naturalist will read a story and lead a hike based on the story. Adult participation is required. \$4R/\$6NR. **CC**

19 Off-Leash Dog Training, 10-11 a.m. at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane. The Rockville City Code requires that all dogs and owners successfully complete this test before the dog may be walked without a leash in the City of Rockville. Dogs and owners must be re-certified each year; there is no charge for recertification. Any dog who participates in the Off-Leash with Permission Test must have a current Rockville City dog license. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/police.

19 Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest, 7-11 p.m. in Rockville Town Square. See ad on page 8.

20, Aug. 17 Rabies Clinic, 8-10:30 a.m. at the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center, 7315 Mun-caster Mill Road, Derwood. Free or discounted rabies vaccinations after pet licenses are purchased at the clinic for Rockville, Gaithersburg and Montgomery County pets. For more information, please call 240-314-8930.

20 Carl Henn Millennium Trail Ride, 10 a.m.-noon, starting at Thomas Farm Community Center. Ride Rockville's bike beltway with family and friends. This shared-use path is a 10.6-mile loop around Rockville. Rain at start cancels the ride; wet pavement does not.

24 Free for All in the Parks – James Mabry. This acoustic blues musician will play guitar and harmonica from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Calvin Park, 1248 Gladstone Drive. Free.

27 Celebrate Honeybees, 1:30-3 p.m. Learn about the amazing and gentle honeybee with our volunteer beekeeper. Explore beekeeping and honeybee biology and extract honey from the comb. All participants must register. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Open to ages 5 and older. \$5R/\$6NR. **CC**

August

2,9,16,23,30 Saturday Rockville Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street. Farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, bedding plants, cut flowers, preserves, honey, herbs, baked goods, and more are available for purchase. All items offered are picked fresh daily and are available as supplies last.

3 Sunday Science Sampler, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of learning with your child as you work your way through several self-guided stations designed to teach about nature in hands-on and unique ways. This program is presented open-house style. Plan to spend at least an hour. Open to ages 2-6. \$4R/\$6NR. **CC**

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6,13,20,27 Wednesday Farmers Market at Dawson's Market. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parking lot outside Dawson's, 225 N. Washington St. Features items from 10 vendors and food from Dawson's BBQ (all natural burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and other menu items).

7,21 Polliwog Adventures, 10-11 a.m. Through stories, short hikes, games and activities, children age 2-5 will learn about nature in a hands-on environment. Adult participation is required. **CC**

14 Fall Recreation Registration Opens. Members of the Rockville Senior Center and Rockville Swim and Fitness Center can enroll in those facilities' fall programs starting today. View the fall guide at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide.

16 Saturday Story and Hike, 10-11 a.m. A nature center naturalist will read a story and lead a hike based on the story. Adult participation is required. \$4R/\$6NR. **CC**

19 Fall Recreation Registration Opens to All. Register for the fall session of classes, programs, events and activities at any Rockville recreation facility, City Hall, or online at rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov. Most classes start the week of Sept. 8.

23 Uncorked Wine and Music Festival, noon-6 p.m. at Rockville Town Square. Enjoy the best wines from across the state, as well as cooking demonstrations and two stages of musical entertainment at one of Rockville's most popular events. Admission is free for concerts and cooking demonstrations; wine tasting is \$15 per person.

Boards and Commissions

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted. Please check the City website for the latest on cancellations, rescheduling and contact information at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions.

July 2; Aug. 6 Rockville Bicycle Advisory Commission 7 p.m. Meets the first Wednesday of the month.

July 3 Environment Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the first Thursday of the month.

For the most up-to-date event listings visit www.rockvillemd.gov/thisweek and sign up for the weekly email newsletter.

July 8 Human Services Advisory Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the second Tuesday of the month.

July 9,23; Aug. 6 Planning Commission 7 p.m. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month and are televiseded on Rockville 11.

July 12 Board of Appeals 9 a.m. Meets the second Saturday of the month and are televised on Rockville 11.

July 15; Aug. 19 Rockville Seniors, Inc. 1 p.m. Meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr.

July 16 Rockville Housing Enterprises 6:30 p.m. Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 621-A Southlawn Ln.

July 17 Historic District Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the third Thursday of the month and are televised on Rockville 11.

July 17; Aug. 21 Senior Citizens Commission 1 p.m. Meets the third Thursday of the month at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr.

July 22; Aug. 26 Traffic and Transportation Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

July 23 Human Right Commission 7 p.m. Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month.

July 24 Recreation and Park Advisory Board 7 p.m. Meets the fourth Thursday of the month.

NOTE: Cultural Arts Commission typically meets the second Wednesday of the month, but will not meet in July or August.

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTING, VISIT WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV

El alcalde y el concejo de Rockville aprueban presupuesto de 118 millones de dólares Aumentan tarifas de servicios públicos y se mantiene el impuesto predial por el séptimo año consecutivo

El impuesto predial sigue igual, pero el valor promedio de las facturas de servicios públicos residenciales de la ciudad aumenta aproximadamente en 6,35 dólares mensuales durante el año fiscal que comenzó el 1 de julio.

El presupuesto para el año fiscal 2015 que fue aprobado el 12 de mayo por el alcalde y el concejo incluye aumentos programados de las tarifas de los servicios de acueducto y alcantarillado, el cargo básico de conexión y la tarifa de gestión de aguas pluviales, de acuerdo con el plan aprobado por el alcalde y el concejo en mayo de 2012. El presupuesto también incluye un aumento de 7 dólares

anuales por servicios de reciclaje y basura.

El impuesto predial sigue siendo el mismo durante el séptimo año consecutivo, que es de 0,292 dólares por bienes inmuebles y 0,805 dólares por bienes personales. Cada una de estas tarifas corresponde a cada 100 dólares de valor tasado.

El presupuesto operativo del año fiscal 2015 de Rockville equivale a 118 millones de dólares, es decir, un aumento del 3,6 por ciento —o 4,1 millones de dólares— en comparación con el año anterior. Incluye un ajuste del 2 por ciento al costo de vida de los empleados de la ciudad, así como el potencial de una compensación adicional única

con base en los planes salariales establecidos. El año fiscal termina el 30 de junio de 2015.

Cuarenta y siete proyectos se financian con el Programa de Grandes Mejoras de 74 millones de dólares, un plan de la ciudad que dura cinco años y está destinado a financiar nuevas construcciones y el mantenimiento de infraestructuras.

El alcalde y el concejo escucharon la opinión del público en una serie de audiencias celebradas en marzo, abril y mayo, y recibieron comentarios por escrito hasta el 6 de mayo.

"Durante el proceso presupuestario, al alcalde y al concejo se les asignó la tarea

de equilibrar y priorizar las muchas necesidades que no se han satisfecho durante varios años debido a la recesión", sostuvo Barbara B. Matthews, administradora de la ciudad. "El presupuesto del AF 2015 se basa en el concepto de crecimiento responsable y se centra en mejoras de infraestructura y edificaciones, mejoras en tecnología de la información y compensación de los empleados de la ciudad".

Para obtener más información sobre el presupuesto de la ciudad para el AF15, ingrese a www.rockvillemd.gov/budget o llame al Departamento de Finanzas al 240-314-8400. ✚

IN BRIEF

Take in a Summer Outdoor Family Movie at Isreal Park

Watch a family-friendly movie on the big screen under the stars outside Lincoln Park Community Center on Friday, July 18.

Bring your family and friends to this great community event. The movie will start at 8:30 p.m. Popcorn and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Admission is \$3 and will be taken at the door. Bring a blanket or chairs.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/lpcc or call 240-314-8780 for more information.

Get Ready for Fall Recreation Season

Registration for Before- and After-School Programs is Now Open

Learn about Rockville's upcoming events, such as the Uncorked Wine and Music Festival, Halloween fun, senior trips and the 53rd Annual Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show in the upcoming recreation guide.

Be on the lookout for the fall guide in your mailbox, at Rockville or Twinbrook libraries, City Hall, Rockville community centers and Metro boxes at Rockville and Twinbrook Metro stations in early August.

The fall guide will be available after Aug. 6 at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide.

Get all the details you need to sign up your kids for Rockville's popular before- and after-school programs, which are included in the summer and fall recreation guides. Registration for these programs is open; visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide.

Fall program registration for Rockville Senior Center and Rockville Swim and Fitness Center members opens Aug. 14. All other registration opens Aug. 19.

For more information about Rockville recreation and school day programs, call 240-314-8620.

City Celebrates Recreation and Parks Month in July

Rockville has: **Open Space:** 1,000+ acres of parkland in and around 65 parks • **Thriving Facilities:** 3 community centers and a nature center, civic center, senior center and swim and fitness center • **Options for Activities:** classes, camps, sports leagues, arts programs and more

Thank you to these community organizations for their generous support of our recreation programs: Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Rockville Football League, Rockville Baseball Association, Rockville Seniors, Inc.

www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation



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Neighborhood Notes

Celebrate National Night Out in Rockville's Neighborhoods

Meet Your Neighbors and Learn About Crime Prevention

Rockville neighbors are invited to an evening of community togetherness on Tuesday, Aug. 5 for the Rockville City Police Department's celebration of National Night Out.

Neighborhoods host block parties offering cookouts, moon bounces, giveaways, carnival games, prizes and a chance to spend time with neighbors.

National Night Out is a longstanding program sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch that aims to raise awareness about crime and drug prevention, generate support for anti-crime programs and strengthen community spirit and community policing partnerships.



McGruff the Crime Dog will stop by several of the scheduled block parties to spread his anti-crime and anti-drug message. The Rockville Mayor

and Council, RCPD officers and members of the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office also will visit many of the block parties.

Residents are invited to turn on outdoor lights as part of the traditional display of front porch vigils, sending the message to criminals that neighborhoods are fighting back against crime.

Neighborhoods can register their own block party through Friday, Aug. 1. For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/nno, or to register your block party, contact Cpl. Ken Matney at 240-314-8922 or kmatney@rockvillemd.gov. ✦

Housing Grants to Benefit Low- and Moderate-Income Residents Available

The City of Rockville will begin the process of allocating Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Fiscal Years 2016-2017 this summer.

The CDBG program is a federal grant for housing and community development projects that must benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The City of Rockville receives CDBG funds through an agreement with Montgomery County.

In recent years, the city has prioritized CDBG funding for capital and physical investments, specifically rehabilitating housing for qualified residents. Recent grants

provided:

- Rehabilitation funds for public housing units in the city.
- Support for Rockville's Single-Family Rehabilitation Program, which provides forgivable loans to low- and moderate-income residents to make critical repairs to their homes.
- Renovation of group homes for individuals with severe mental illness.

This year's CDBG process will include a public hearing on community needs in July, followed by a competitive grant application process for nonprofit organizations

and government entities to apply for funds. The grant application will be available in August and will be due in September.

Applications will be reviewed and prioritized by City staff and forwarded, with recommendations, to the Mayor and Council for review and approval this fall.

Interested residents and organizations should view Mayor and Council agendas in July at www.rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/cdbg or contact Erin Wilson at ewilson@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8203. ✦

City's Website Offers Career Opportunities

Online Application System Allows Job Seekers to Be Notified of Job Openings

Career and job opportunities with the City of Rockville can be found by visiting www.rockvillemd.gov/careers and clicking on "Career Opportunities" on the left side of the page.

The Career Opportunities and Online Application System allows visitors to the site to create an account with a username and password. After establishing an account, users can fill out an application by selecting the "Build Job Application" link and filling in information about their relevant education and experience. The application can be saved and used to apply for more than one job opening.

Job seekers who are interested in a position that is not being advertised can receive notification when recruitment is opened for the position by visiting the Job Interest Card page and selecting categories of jobs for which you would like to receive email notifications. ✦



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8K Road Race, 1K Fun Run & NEW Family Fitness Walk

Saturday, July 19
Rockville Town Center
Race Start: 8:45 p.m.
Fitness Walk Start: 8:20 p.m.

FESTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Race course music and entertainment
- Pre- and Post-race music by Sons of Pirates
- Post-race refreshments and beer for runners
- Random awards and more

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